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For: HAIRPIN PRIMER AMPLIFICATION

- For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
- This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 60/443,626 Filed January 28, 2003 and USSN 60/458,246 Filed March 26, 2003, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- Please amend this application in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment, which adds the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [ ] continuation [ ] divisional [ ] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

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In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),  
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